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APPLICANTS : FREDERICK F. BUECHEL, ET AL.

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REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

A one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Examiner's Action until <u>January 29, 1981</u> is respectfully requested.

Applicants and their attorney have had a preliminary meeting to discuss the outstanding action and cited prior art and proposed response to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant Buechel is an orthopaedic surgeon, and his busy surgery schedule has precluded his being available for a follow-up meeting to finalize Applicants' response to the outstanding action. It is anticipated that the requested

one month extension of time will provide sufficient time for Applicants and their attorney to have such follow-up meeting, which is scheduled for December 19, 1980, and to finalize the response to said action. The requested extension is not meant for purposes of delay, and the granting of the one month extension to and including January 29, 1981 is respectfully requested.

> Respectfully submitted, FREDERICK F. BUECHEL, ET AL.

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